

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 10-19 are present in this application. Claims 1 and 19 are amended.

Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), claims 1-4, 10-12 and 17-19 are rejected over DE 3710111 (Bachmann) in view of U.S. 6,927,797 (Gelbard), and claims 13-16 are rejected over Bachmann and Gelbard in view of JP 10-191118 (Yamada).

The applicants greatly appreciate the interview with Examiner Tran on November 18, 2008. Applicants' representative explained the differences between the claimed invention and the disclosures of Bachmann and Gelbard. Bachmann shows in Figure 1 a support arm 5 mounted on the forefront of the camera housing 1 attached to a viewfinder housing 3 located on the side of the camera. The arm 5 is rotatable about pivot links 8 and 9. After some discussion, it was agreed that Figure 1 is top view of the camera and viewfinder 3 is located on the side of the camera, where the pivoting motion of the arm 5 moves the view finder laterally away from the side of the camera. Examiner Tran explained that the drawing is somewhat unclear and he initially interpreted viewfinder 3 to be located adjacent to the bottom of the camera. Arm 5 pivots in a plane substantially parallel to the top of the camera. Bachmann does not show that arm 5 is pivotably rotatable in a plane substantially parallel to a side of the camera housing 1.

Also discussed was the extension member 60 in Gelbard. Extension member 60 is employed to move the view finder further back, and is clearly not pivotable at the end attached to the view finder, as recited in the pending claims.

Claim 1 is amended to specify a camera body having a top, bottom, front, back and two sides. The first arm member is adjacent to one of the sides of the camera body, and pivots in a plane substantially parallel to the side of the camera body. As discussed above, Bachmann discloses arm 5 pivoting parallel to the top of the camera. Gelbard does not

disclose an arm member which is pivotally rotatable about the mounting member at a first end and pivotably rotatable about the viewfinder at a second end. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over a combination of Bachmann and Gelbard.

Yamada is cited for the second arm member with respect to claims 13-16. However, Yamada also does not disclose a first arm member being pivotally rotatable about the mounting member at a first end and pivotally rotatable about the viewfinder at the second end, as recited in claim 1. If Yamada could be combined with Bachmann and Gelbard, the combination would still be deficient, as described above, since Yamada also does not disclose the claimed first arm member. It is respectfully submitted that claims 13-16 are patentable over Bachmann, Gelbard and Yamada.

It is respectfully submitted the present application is in condition for allowance and a favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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